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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 9, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this paper. Additionally, one sheet of a Replacement Drawing marked as "Prior Art" also accompanies this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.